

Conversing with Gorillas.

Prof. Garner Writes of His Extraordinary Experiments. See Next Sunday's World.

MURDER IN THE SECOND DEGREE.

Dr. Meyer Escapes the Death Chair Through a Remarkable Verdict.

HE SAYS HE'S DISAPPOINTED.

After an All-Night Session the Jurors Arrived at a Compromise at 5.30 A. M.

RS. MEYER TO BE TRIED NEXT.

Prosecutor John F. McIntyre Says He Will Endeavor to Convict Her in About Two Weeks.

Dr. Henry C. F. Meyer, the poisoner, stands convicted of murder in the second degree, and will probably spend the remainder of his miserable life in State prison.

The county of New York must foot the bill for both the prosecution and the defense in the case of Dr. Meyer, the jury providing that any person charged with homicide shall be entitled to the support of the county for his defense.

The means for his defense in the first trial were found in a private purse, and it is to be that of Lewis Stuyvesant.

The two trials will cost the county not less than \$75,000, to say nothing of the vast sums expended by a Mutual Life Insurance Company in running down this gang of murderers.

The jury arrived at the verdict after long hours of deliberation, and announced it in court at a little before noon having been out fourteen hours, or more, 10 o'clock last evening.

Mrs. Foster, the "Tomb's angel," continued the news of the verdict to Mrs. Meyer. The poisoner's wife, who is confined in the Tombs, was at once pronounced, and later became hysterical.

Her whole thought seemed to be for her husband, who she stoutly proclaimed his innocence and bewailed his fate.

The verdict was a surprise to everybody. When Foreman John W. Werber announced the verdict the fact of the deep disappointment was evident. But it is lawyers, Brooke, O'Sullivan and Chandler, were evidently elated by the announcement, while Prosecutor John F. McIntyre, who labored so faithfully in the preparation and presentation of the seemingly overwhelming evidence against Meyer, was depressed.

Thus ended one of the most famous criminal trials, which began April 12 and continued for thirty-seven days—twenty-seven court days.

A Most Extraordinary Verdict.

How a verdict of murder in the second degree was arrived at on the evidence was a conundrum on everybody's tongue. Murder in the second degree is defined by the law as "a homicide with malice, but without deliberation or premeditation." Either Meyer poisoned Dr. Brandt to death by slow process covering twenty-one days, or he didn't poison him at all.

The Recorder thanked the jury, however, for their patience, and said: "I am satisfied that you have faithfully discharged your duty as you viewed the evidence."

Dr. Meyer strained every muscle to hold his nerves in check. When the juryman died out he relaxed and said: "Meyer is Disappointed."

"Well, I am disappointed. Certainly I had expected nothing worse than a disagreement. I had expected an acquittal. I tell you there has been nobody killed, and Brandt is alive."

Mr. Brooke made the usual formal motions for a new trial, and was given two weeks to prepare the new argument. Of course the new trial will be denied, but it is a condition precedent to an appeal to the Court of Appeals.

The only penalty prescribed by law for murder in the second degree is life imprisonment at hard labor.

Mr. Brooke, who had been depressed when on arriving at the Court-house he was told that the jury had agreed, became jubilant.

Victory, Says Brooke.

"I consider the verdict a substantial victory. We have saved this man's life, and in the conditions this is a victory. A verdict of murder in the second degree is a trial jury should have sworn to perform their duty on the community of a dangerous man. It puts him in prison for life, where he will not at least while I believe that the facts warranted a conviction of murder in the first degree. I consider the satisfaction of the new trial out of twelve a victory."

Mrs. Meyer's Trial in Two Weeks.

IS A BANK IN TROUBLE?

Mysterious Actions of State Officials Start Many Rumors.

Supt. Preston and Examiner Judson at Jefferson Market Court.

It is Reported that There Has Been a Defalcation.

Rumors have been flying thick and fast in Wall street this afternoon. It was said that some bank was in trouble, and that a large defalcation had been brought to light which would probably cause it to suspend.

No name was mentioned, but it was said that the bank in question was a State institution, the solvency of which up to the present time had not been questioned. Another rumor was to the effect that the defalcation had been discovered in the course of the investigation of the affairs of the defunct institution.

However this might be, the officials of the State Banking Department were shown an involved secret and activity. State Superintendent Charles M. Preston was in town and was seen in about Wall street early in the afternoon.

He declined to say what brought him to the city, and when asked about the reported defalcation which it was believed he had come to town to investigate, he looked mysterious and would say nothing.

It was also said that the members of the Clearing-House Committee were investigating the matter, but this was denied by President Tappan, of the Clearing-House, and at the Clearing-House it was stated that, although the rumor of some bank troubles had been heard, no knowledge of the fact had come to the office and no meeting of the Committee had been held to-day.

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JUMPED FROM THE "L"

Samuel Porter's Spectacular Attempt to Kill Himself.

Made the Plunge at Thirtieth Street and Ninth Avenue.

Failed to End His Life, but Sustained Severe Injuries.

A number of children on their way to St. Michael's Parochial School, Thirtieth street and Ninth avenue, paused this morning at Thirtieth street to stare at a man apparently asleep on the downtown platform of the "L" road station.

The man was leaning half way over the rail, in danger of falling over into the street.

While they looked the man seemed to rouse himself, and then, just as a train came rushing into the station, he gave a yell and sprang over.

It all happened so suddenly that the children had scarcely time to cry out before the man fell with a crash to the street below. He turned a half-somersault as he descended, and while his feet first touched the gutter, almost at the same instant his back struck the sidewalk. The shock seemed to deprive him of consciousness.

When the police arrived a few moments later the man appeared to be dazed, and even then asked why he had attempted suicide he answered that he did not know. Later he said he was Samuel Porter and that he lived at Eighty-fourth street and Columbus avenue.

The policemen tried to get him on his feet, but as he groaned with pain an ambulance was summoned. Over an hour elapsed from the time of the fall until he was taken to Bellevue Hospital. There Dr. Parker made an examination and found that one of the man's legs had been broken. He had also received internal injuries.

He was removed to the prison ward and a policeman set to guard him. In the reports in circulation earlier in the day, it was probable, he will be tried for attempted suicide.

Porter does not live at the address given. After much questioning at the hospital he admitted that he had been staying at the Hotel Twenty-third street and Tenth avenue. Beyond that, however, he refused to talk, and would give no explanation for his rash act.

The Adelphi Hotel is kept by a man named McLaughlin. Porter was boarding in the place since January last. He is about thirty years of age, and has only been nine months in the country.

Before coming here he sold out a large farm which he was owner in London, Ireland, intending to go into the same business here. He has done nothing whatever since his arrival and has no relatives here. His sister was on a visit to this country, returned home a few months ago.

As soon as he completed his investigation he was about to purchase a farm somewhere up the Hudson river, and he was suffering from a severe attack of melancholia.

It was said, never played the races or gambled, and the hotel attaches could give no reason for the attempted suicide.

In spite of this certificate of character, however, the physicians at the hospital say the man was suffering from alcoholism when he arrived there.

DEAD MAN NOT SIMSROTT.

Treasurer of the Switchmen's Association Still Missing.

CHICAGO, May 18.—A man at first thought to be William Simsrott, Treasurer of the Switchmen's Mutual Aid Association, who has been missing for several days, died to-day from morphine poisoning, and Mary Smith, with several accomplices, have been arrested, charged with administering the drug.

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OLNEY MUST ANSWER

Senate Adopts Mr. Morgan's Anti-Trust Law Queries.

Resolution for Earlier Sessions Next Week Also Adopted.

Upper Chamber in Calm Temper After the Storm of Yesterday.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, May 18.—The temper of the Senate was like a May morning today after the prolonged and somewhat stormy session of yesterday.

The Morgan resolution of yesterday, calling on the Attorney-General for information as to the existence of a Sugar Trust in violation of the Anti-Trust law, and whether that law is defective, was adopted.

The resolution offered by Mr. Harris, at the close of the long struggle last night, providing that the Senate should meet at 10 o'clock instead of 11, beginning next Monday, was laid before the Senate by the Vice-President.

Not a word was said on either side of the Chamber, and the Vice-President declared the question to be on the adoption of the resolution. Silence being the only response, he declared the resolution adopted.

During the morning hour, Mr. Frye (Rep., Me.) got the floor. He explained that his absence on a trip down the Potomac during the struggle yesterday was due to an assurance he had received that no important move would be made. He had been very much astonished upon his return to find what had occurred. He regretted his absence because he was fond of a contest.

"I have always had but one opinion with regard to the tariff bill," he went on, defining his position in emphatic terms. "I have always believed and believe now that it is the duty of the Republican side to defeat this bill in any way, by any parliamentary method, but I have never wished to convince my Republican friends on this side of the Chamber that this is the proper course to pursue."

"There seems to be a determination to allow the bill to come to a vote, after reasonable debate, and I have reluctantly bowed to the will of the majority. Personally I am glad the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. Harris) sprang his trap on me. If he would do it frequently he would probably consolidate this side, and array it in solid phalanx against the bill."

ARMOR-PLATE INQUIRY OVER.

Different Method of Selecting Inspectors May Result.

(By Associated Press.)

PITTSBURGH, May 18.—The local investigation into the armor-plate scandal was concluded to-day, and the Naval Board will return to Washington to-night. It will probably remain a month before its report is made public.

It was learned that one result of the investigation will be a change in the policy of the Navy Department with respect to the selection of inspectors in connection with the armor-plate scandal.

The inspectors at present are mainly "riggers" who have returned from sea voyages. The Board will recommend that in future mechanical engineers and naval architects be selected to inspect armor-plate.

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He did not wake again until Tuesday morning, when he found his room had been robbed. His watch and chain, \$20 in money, his books and a considerable amount of clothing had been carried off.

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People of Note Whose Wishes Will Likely Be Disregarded.

Hotel Keeper Vedge Under Arrest as an Accomplice.

A. Vedge, the keeper of a hotel at One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street and Third avenue, was locked up to-day by police, along with Frederick Weller, of 173 East Seventh street, with drugging and robbing George Nurnman, of 173 East Seventh street.

The arrest of Vedge was made at his house this morning by United States Deputy Marshal Bernhardt.

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